Western Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Tughlakabad/ Dadri) have been sanctioned by the Government and is under implementation.

(b) Final Location Survey for the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor and for Ludhiana-Sonnagar Section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor has been completed. Notification for Land Acquisition under Section 20A of Railway (Amendment) Act, 2008 have been issued for about 2400 Kilometers for both the corridors. First construction contract for 105 Kilometers in Eastern Corridor and for 54 major and important bridges on Western Corridor has also been awarded.

Negotiation for funding with World Bank, Asian Development Bank and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are in progress. The project is targeted to be completed by 2016-17, subject to availability of funds and timely availability of land.

(c) The Ministry of Railways is trying their best for early finalisation of the main loan agreements with the World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The land acquisition process is also being expedited for early implementation of the project. The project is of high priority and is being monitored intensively.

Problems due to dislocation of under construction steel plants

†3390. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the under construction domestic steel plants have resolved the problem of dislocation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry is aware of those steel plants that are causing severe pollution in the surrounding areas, where production has started;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to make the environment pollution free;

(e) whether domestic steel companies have played some important role in providing employment to unemployed youth of the surrounding villages; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) to (f) The information is being collected from Ministry of Environment and Forest, the respective State Governments and major steel investors and will be laid on the table of the House.

Capacity expansion of steel plants

3391. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

SHRI N. K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.